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## When Santa Came to Cactus Gulch

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

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WHEN Santa came to Cactus we wuz not expectin' him. Our almanac connectiens bein' broken off complete. In fact, with us the trail o' time had got so mortal dim We only knowed 'twuz winter by the absence o' the heat.

Says I to Pinky Perkins, with a squint at Desert Dan—  
Says I: "We'd orter hustle for a little extra feed.  
It's long about Thanksgiving." "Why," says Pinky P., "why, man, I'll bet it's nearer New Year's, for the old one's gone to seed."

We argued it an' argued it till Desert Dan put up  
His canvas bag o' nuggets an' a pint o' yaller dust  
He's spent the year collectin' in his pewter drinkin' cup.  
"It's Christmas in a week," he says: "I'll bet you, win or bust."

I still maintained Thanksgiving wuz about the proper date.  
As judgin' by my appetite, an' Pinky still declared  
That New Year's wuz the blow-out that wuz next upon the slate.  
But Desert waded his nugget bag an' dard an' dard an' dard.

"See here," says Desert, "I can feel the season in my bones;  
I sense a sort o' hankerin' for days of old long sign.  
When I wuz back in Jersey an' my name wuz Daniel Jones;  
I'm lonesome as the soldier wuz at Blingen-on-the-Rhine."

Then Desert up an' tells us what he's never said before—  
As how he had a cottage an' a woman an' a kid;  
But, some misanderstandin' havin' made his sperrit sore,  
Nigh on to twenty years ago he simply up and slid.

I looked at Pinky Perkins then, an' Pinky looked at me,  
But both of us wuz silent, an' we looked at Desert Dan,

But he wuz sizzlin' bacon for a supper feed for three,  
An', shore as I'm a sinner, there wuz teardrops in the pan!

That night we set an' hugged the stove, while all around the sh—  
A desert blizzard whistled an' a snow wuz whirlin' thick.  
It shore wuz Christmas weather, but there shorely wuz a lack  
Of anything suggestin' o' our ancient friend St. Nick.

The door bust open sudden-like, an', stranger, dog my cat!  
If there ain't Santy Claus hisself, in fur an' robe complete,



"IF THERE AIN'T SANTY CLAUS HIMSELF,"  
With snow a-clingin' funny to his or-tomobile hat,  
As well a Santy makeup, air, as anywhere you'll meet.

But when he turned his bearskin down his whiskers fell away  
(It wuzn't anything but snow collect-  
ed on the fur),  
An' back of him an angel stood—yes,  
Angel's what I say—  
An' Desert Dan got wobbly when he up an' looked at her.

Young Santy says, "I'm Mr. Jones at home tonight!" says he,  
At which old Desert gives a gasp but struggles to his feet.  
Then me an' Pinky we varnosed in honor of the three,  
For if they wuzn't Joneses you can douse my glim complete!

That's all the story, stranger, but I'm some inclined to add  
When Santy come to Cactus with his mother, which he did,  
It clean upst the notions we had al-ways previous had,  
For daddy got the Christmas gift, and Santy wuz the kid!

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## January Christmas of the Julianites

By ROBERT DONNELL.

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"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," wrote somebody, and everybody accepted the statement as truth. It is not true, however, for Christmas comes twice a year. Those of us who reckon by the Gregorian calendar celebrate Dec. 25. Those who still adhere to the Julian calendar observe Jan. 7. Russia is the only great nation which still holds out for the Julian calendar. The Greek Catholic church sticks to the time measurement adopted by Julius Caesar forty-six years before the birth of Christ. Thus the Greeks and all the adherents of that church, including the Russians, of course, hold their Christmas on the 7th day of January.



THEY FANT FOR FORTY DAYS.  
In the city of New York both Christmas days are celebrated. The January date, as a matter of course, is observed by comparatively few persons, but it is observed rigidly, elaborately and faithfully by those who desire to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's even as to the calendar.

New York city has a considerable population of Greeks, Russians, Armenians, Syrians, Servians, Poles, Bulgarians, Montenegrins and Vlachs, all

of whom observe the Julian Christmas. For forty days prior to Jan. 7 they observe a fast, eating no meat, neither beast, fish nor fowl. They eat fish eggs or caviare, but draw the line there. Their principal diet for the forty days' fasting is made up of olives, beans, caviare bread and crackers.

But at 8 o'clock on the morning of Christmas day, Jan. 7, the Julianist fast is over. It is not necessary to hint that these people count the days till Christmas or that they rejoice and are exceedingly glad when the anniversary arrives. These facts are obvious. Christmas means for them a glorious feast, a square meal, several square meals—in fact, a round of square meals.



THIS WEAK BROTHER IS IGNORED BY THE FAITHFUL.

The names of some of the diners are interesting. Constantine Economopoulos is a budding artist who gathers around him his rosy young friends, Haralambos Christatos, Minkakes Kephaleos, Pericles Doganges and Hresala Pappanoleas. And don't let us forget Nicholas Booras, editor of the Daily Thermopylae, who gets out an extra edition in honor of the day.

The Greeks, many of them arrayed in gorgeous new clothing, bring their feast to an end with the cups of



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## A Few Suggestions For Xmas

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Serving Trays,  
Crumb Sets,  
Fancy Table Cutlery,  
Berry Spoons,  
Gravy Ladles,  
Pocket Traveling Flasks,  
Shaving Mugs,  
Shaving Brushes,  
Watch Chains,

A large assortment of the above will be found at

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Our Julianist friends go to church early on their Christmas morning, but not too early. They eat breakfast first. High mass is celebrated in the Greek Orthodox church at 8 o'clock. The forty days' fast having ended two hours before, the Julianists are joyfully full of the good things of this world before they enter the house of worship. The chief viand, so far as its symbolic character goes, is a



Turkish coffee and the Turkish club, mixed with olives and beans. It is highly interesting for a plan. American, with a plan like Jim Jones, to sit in one of these cafes and hear the songs of the foreign gentlemen with the seven jointed surnames, observe the satisfaction depicted in their countenances as the feast goes on and receive the impression that this is real Christmas cheer, though it be thirteen days late according to our method of counting time.

### LIGHTS WENT OUT.

The electric lights all over the city were out for quite a while early this morning. After some delay they were finally turned on.

### STOCKING TEN FEET LONG.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Christmas stockings ten feet long and made of canvas will be hung from the lowest points on the new Queensboro bridge which spans the East River on Christmas morning by members of the Queensboro Bridge Celebration Committee. Intended for river men, the stockings will be hung so that they can be reached with a pole from the deck of a tug. Tobacco, serviceable gloves and other practical gifts will be placed in the giant stockings.

### ARTIST MARRIES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—George McManus, the young artist of "Newly Wed" fame, has himself become a newly wed, having been married last night in a local hotel to Florence Berger, of New York, who is five years his junior. The wedding was a quite affair, only a few friends of the bride and groom being present.

### KOREAN GUILTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—In Wan Chan, the Korean who shot and killed Durham White Stevens, the American diplomatist and advisor to the Korean emperor, in this city on March 23rd last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, by the jury shortly before midnight. The trial was concluded a little after 9 o'clock. Sentence will be passed on December 26.

### Muscular Pains Cured.

"During the summer of 1903 I was trouble with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

### NO ADVICES RECEIVED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—According to advices received here no orders have been issued by the War Department recalling Colonel Fred W. Tucker from Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Dolly Logan Tucker, wife of the colonel, says, however, that if such orders of recall were issued she promptly would resume her prosecution. Her attorney says that when the War Department does order Colonel Tucker back to his post Mrs. Tucker will be notified at once.

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